

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 95-965-C - ORDER NO. 95-1131 ✓
MAY 25, 1995

IN RE: Application of SmarTalk Teleservices,)	ORDER
Inc. for a Certificate of Public)	DENYING
Convenience and Necessity to Operate as)	REQUEST FOR
a Reseller of Interexchange Telecommuni-)	PROTECTIVE
cations Services within the State of)	ORDER
South Carolina.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the May 12, 1995 request of SmarTalk Teleservices, Inc. (SmarTalk) for a Protective Order protecting certain balance sheets and financial statements from the years 1991 through 1994, from disclosure. SmarTalk alleges that the information in these documents is proprietary and commercially sensitive, and that its disclosure would put SmarTalk at a competitive disadvantage. SmarTalk therefore requests that a Protective Order be granted as to these documents, and that they be given proprietary treatment and not be disclosed to anyone other than Commissioners or Staff involved in processing SmarTalk's Application.

The Commission has examined this matter and hereby denies the request for a Protective Order. Materials filed with this Commission have historically been subject to disclosure, unless an Applicant states good cause for the granting of a Protective

Order. We hold that SmarTalk has failed to do so in this case. We believe that all financials for all Applicants should be available to the public. The Commission believes that the public has a right to know about the financial viability of companies applying to do business in South Carolina.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The request of SmarTalk for a Protective Order covering certain balance sheets and financial statements is hereby denied.
2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)